

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/082,127
Applicant(s): Takenori IDEHARA
For: INPUT-OUTPUT APPARATUS SELECTING METHOD
FOR NETWORK SYSTEM
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Examiner: King Y. Poon
Appeal No. 2008-0309

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE DISCUSSION

This letter is to confirm the changes to the above-referenced application that Applicants agreed to have entered by Examiner's Amendment via telephone today (August 22, 2008).

Election

The Examiner stated that the following groups of claims constitute three inventions, and thus restriction is required. Those groups are:

Group I 60-63

Group II 64-66

Group III 67-72

Applicants agreed to elect Group I without traverse and to have the non-elected claims canceled by Examiner's Amendment.

Claim Amendments

In addition, Applicants agreed to the following amendments to claims 60 and 61 by Examiner's Amendment to correct formalities:

60. (Currently Amended) A computer readable [[recording]] medium storing a computer program for a computer in a network to which the computer and a plurality of input-output apparatuses are connected, at least one of the input-output apparatuses having a plurality of functions, the computer program causing the computer to execute the steps of:

displaying a layout image of the plurality of input-output apparatus;

selectably displaying one function out of the plurality of functions;

displaying, when any function has not yet been selected, on the layout image icons of the plurality of input-output apparatuses representing the functions of the plurality of the input-output apparatuses, while, when the one function has been selected, displaying on the layout image icons of the selected functions to represent only the input-output apparatuses that have the selected functions; and

assigning a selected one of the input-output apparatuses that are represented on the layout image by the icons as an input or output apparatus for a job.

61. (Currently Amended) The computer readable [[recording]] medium of claim 60, wherein the computer program further causes the computer to execute the steps of:

creating and storing images or lists of the layout of the plurality of input-output apparatuses with hierarchical classification;

displaying the image or the list of a higher hierarchy; and
displaying the image or the list of a lower hierarchy when a selection is made
in the image or the list of the higher hierarchy.

CONCLUSION

The above changes to the above-referenced application were approved by the
undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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